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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Benoit De Crombrughe et al.

Serial No.: 09/734,329

Filed: November 30, 2000

For: MASTER BONE FORMATION
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COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF
USE

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS DATED APRIL 22, 2003**

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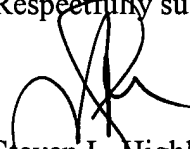
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including July 22, 2003 in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated April 22, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$205.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$205.00) for a two month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/UTXC:666US.

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